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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**SALT LAKE COUNTY AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
December 8, 2005**

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## **SOUTH VALLEY DRUG COURT INAUGURATION PLANNED**

After nine years in operation at the Scott M. Matheson Courthouse in Salt Lake City, Third District Felony Drug Court is expanding. The new site will be in Judge Royal Hansen's courtroom in the West Jordan Courthouse, 8080 South Redwood Road.

Nationwide studies have shown that drug courts are cost effective, result in lower recidivism rates, and are a valuable tool in turning around those individuals accepted into the program, which includes treatment, counseling, drug testing, and supervision.

With the start of drug court operations in West Jordan, an estimated 500 individuals will be served by the end of 2006.

**WHAT:** Opening of the South Valley Drug Court at the West Jordan Courthouse.

**WHO:** Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon  
Third District Court Judge Royal Hansen  
Gary K. Dalton, Director, Salt Lake County  
Division of Criminal Justice Services

**WHERE:** 8080 South Redwood Road, Courtroom #32

**WHEN:** Monday, December 12, 2005  
1:00 p.m.

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